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The reply filed on 10/20/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant's request for continued examination (RCE) is improper since the amendment filed therewith cancelled all claims, claims 1-21, drawn to the elected invention and presented claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (see (MPEP § 821.03 and MPEP § 819). Note applicant cannot, as a matter of right, file a request for continued examination (RCE) to obtain continued examination on claims drawn to an invention other than the one elected. The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because they are independent and distinct from the method claims presented in the instant amendment in that the apparatus as originally claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process such as one which applies a coating composition having a solids content significantly greater than approximately 70% by weight or having a Brookfield viscosity determined at 100 rev/min of significantly greater than 2000 mPas. Note applicant the process as set forth in method claims 24-36 can be practiced by hand. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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